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SUBJECT: US-SRV TALKS

1. EMBASSY LIAISON OFFICER SHOULD DELIVER TO SRV EMBASSY  
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SECRETARY HOLBROOKE TO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER PHAN HIEN.

2. BEGIN TEXT. HIS EXCELLENCY PHAN HIEN, DEPUTY FOREIGN  
MINISTER, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. DEAR MR. MINISTER:

AS WE DISCUSSED AT THE CONCLUSION OF OUR LAST MEETING IN  
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A FURTHER INDICATION OF OUR SERIOUS INTENTION TO BRING ABOUT

A NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

4. SECONDLY, I AM SURE YOU ARE AWARE OF RECENT ACTIONS BY OUR CONGRESS SEEKING TO IMPOSE FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON OUR DEALINGS WITH THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AS WELL AS CERTAIN OTHER COUNTRIES. THE ADMINISTRATION IS ACTIVELY AND PUBLICLY OPPOSING THESE ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS, WHICH WE CONSIDER INCONSISTENT WITH OUR EXPRESSED INTENTION TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH YOUR COUNTRY ON A REASONABLE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL BASIS.

5. THESE ACTIONS BY THE CONGRESS NEVERTHELESS DEMONSTRATE AGAIN HOW STRONGLY THE MAJORITY OF CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC OPINION STILL FEEL ABOUT VARIOUS ASPECTS OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH YOUR COUNTRY, IN PARTICULAR THE QUESTION OF AID, AS I EXPLAINED TO YOU IN DETAIL IN PARIS. THE PRESIDENT'S POSITION IN THE FACE OF SUCH OPINION INDICATES HIS STRONG DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUES BETWEEN US. OUR ACTIONS AND THE FORTHCOMING PROPOSALS WE HAVE MADE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT MUST OBVIOUSLY BE CONSIDERED IN THIS CONTEXT.

6. I REGRET THAT OUR RESPECTIVE BUSY SCHEDULES OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS DO NOT SEEM TO PERMIT A MEETING DURING THAT TIME TO RESUME OUR DISCUSSIONS. I HOPE THAT IN THE MEANTIME OUR STAFFS CAN PROCEED QUICKLY TO CONCLUDE ARRANGEMENTS.  
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SINCERELY, RICHARD HOLBROOKE. END TEXT.

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